## XV. INDUSTRIES INCLUDING CLAY REFINING AND PORCELAIN FACTORY.

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS:** Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 43,000, for Capital Expenditure and working expenses of the Ceramic Factory.

This amount is made up of two items Rs. 30,000 for Capital Expenditure and Rs. 13,000 for working expenses. This additional demand has been necessitated for two reasons. Government was fortunate enough to capture a very good market for the refined China Clay. There is a great demand for this. Therefore it has led to an increase of output. That means increase of labour and necessity for provision for additional facilities. This has resulted in more expenditure. The second reason is that the prices of some of the materials have gone up since the outbreak of the war.

In the matter of capital expenditure the chief items of expenditure are towards providing better mining ventilation, lighting, erecting additional store sheds, etc. We have to mine 50 to 60 tons per day now, in place of the 30 tons or so with which we were content formerly. That means borrowing further and further into the earth. For that we want timber, more electrical communications and facilities for ventilation. The wages have also increased and so additional expenditure is involved. For these reasons I request the House to sanction the supplementary grant asked for.

**MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI:** May I know where is the market captured by Government?

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS:** The market is Bombay and other textile manufacturing centres in Western and North India.

**MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR:** Does the factory get orders for earthernware pipes?

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS:** We manufacture only stoneware pipes.

**MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR:** May I know whether the pipes were given for Trivandrum Drainage Works?

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS:** No, Sir. The pipes are not ready.

**MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR:** What I meant was that I want to know whether tests were made of the pipes manufactured by the factory by the Trivandrum Drainage Department, and whether the pipes have stood the test?

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS:** Some of the pipes have been tested and they have stood the tests well.

The question whether Rs. 43,000 be granted under Supplementary Grant XV—Industries including Clay Refining and Porcelain Factory, was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

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